

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter. [Use ~~striketrough~~ for deleted matter (or double square brackets”[[]]” if the striketrough is not easily perceivable, *i.e.*, “4” or a punctuation mark) and underlined for added matter.]

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tactile guidance ~~means to provide~~ device for providing guidance to a person, ~~said tactile guidance means having the device comprising:~~
a plurality of tactile features for tactile interrogation when in contact with a sensory part of the person[[],];
wherein the ~~and characterised in that~~ said tactile features are provided in a first form (2) to identify a ~~doorway or~~ passage location through which the person should proceed, and at least [[a]] one second form (5) to indicate a direction to be followed subsequent to ~~passing~~ proceeding through said ~~doorway or~~ passage.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that said means is provided as~~ further comprising a plate ~~to be~~ affixed to a supporting medium.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said first form (2) of said tactile features ~~have~~ has a rounded outer surface for contact by the person.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 3 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said tactile features are hemispherical.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said at least one second form (5) of said tactile features ~~include~~ includes a definable interface between first and second faces.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 5 ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the interface is in the form of a definable edge.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 6 ~~characterised in that the first face is longer in dimension than the second face to form wherein a~~ substantially wedge shaped feature is formed via the first face being longer in dimension than the second face.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 7 ~~characterised in that contacting the said feature and following the first face in the direction towards the interface indicates wherein~~ the direction to be followed by the person subsequent to passing through the doorway or passage is indicated by the person contacting the said wedge shaped feature and following the first face in the direction towards the interface.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that said tactile guidance means is provided with further comprising illumination means (3) to illuminate one or more sections of said tactile guidance means~~ device.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said first form (2) and said second form (5) of said tactile features are mounted directly on a support medium.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said tactile ~~guide~~ features are mounted on a ~~plate or~~ support medium in a manner ~~to, in use, prevent~~ that prevents rotational movement of said tactile ~~guide~~ features during use.

12. (Currently Amended) A tactile guidance ~~means~~ device situated adjacent a ~~doorway or~~ passage through which a person is to ~~pass, said means including~~ proceed, the device comprising:
a first tactile form (2) to indicate the presence of the ~~doorway or~~ passage and that the user should ~~pass~~ proceed through the ~~same~~ same; and
a second tactile form (5) to indicate the direction to be followed by the person having gone through said ~~doorway or~~ passage.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~tactile guidance means~~ The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 12 further comprising means for distinguishing wherein the tactile features ~~guidance means are raised, indented or otherwise distinguished~~ from the adjacent surface.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~tactile guidance means~~ The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 12 wherein the ~~guidance means~~ device is attached to ~~or provided on~~ a door which closes the ~~doorway or~~ passage through which the ~~person is indicated~~ device indicates that the person should ~~to pass by the guidance means~~.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~tactile guidance means~~ The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 12 wherein the ~~guidance means~~ device is attached to ~~or provided on~~ a support medium adjacent the ~~doorway or~~ passage.

16. (Currently Amended) A tactile guidance ~~means~~ device to provide guidance to a person, said ~~tactile guidance means~~ device having at least one tactile feature for tactile interrogation when in contact with a sensory part of the person, and said at least one tactile feature is provided in a first form (2) to identify a ~~doorway or~~ passage location through which the person should proceed and ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said ~~guidance means~~ device is attached to ~~or provided on~~ a door which is positioned at the ~~doorway or~~ passage through which the person is indicated to ~~pass~~ proceed by said first form of tactile features.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A tactile guidance means~~ The device according to claim 16 ~~characterised in that the guidance means include the device further comprising~~ a second form of at least one tactile feature[[s]] which ~~indicate~~ indicates a direction to be followed once the person has ~~passed~~ proceeded through the ~~doorway or~~ passage.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of directing a person by tactile ~~guidance including~~ guidance, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a tactile guidance ~~means~~ device having a plurality of tactile features for tactile interrogation;
contacting a first form (2) of tactile feature provided to identify a ~~doorway or~~ passage through which the person is to move;
contacting at least [[a]] one second form (5) of tactile feature to indicate a direction to be followed subsequent to passing through said ~~doorway or~~ passage;
~~characterised by proceeding~~ through said ~~doorway~~ passage; and
proceeding in a direction as indicated by said at least one second form (2)

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 18 ~~characterised in that further comprising the step of indicating~~ the distance to proceed in said direction ~~is indicated~~ by the configuration of said at least one second form (5) of said tactile ~~indicators~~ features.

20. (New) The device according to claim 1 wherein the passage is a doorway.

21. (New) The device according to claim 1 further comprising means for distinguishing the tactile features from the adjacent surface.

22. (New) The device according to claim 21 wherein the distinguishing means is raised from the adjacent surface.

23. (New) The device according to claim 21 wherein the distinguishing means is indented into the adjacent surface.
24. (New) The device according to claim 21 wherein the distinguishing means is a hole in the adjacent surface.
25. (New) The device according to claim 1 wherein the device is attached to ~~or provided on~~ a door which closes the ~~doorway or~~ passage through which the person is indicated to pass by the device.
26. (New) The device according to claim 1 wherein the device is attached to ~~or provided on~~ a support medium adjacent the ~~doorway or~~ passage.
27. (New) The device according to claim 11 wherein the support medium is a backing plate.
28. (New) The device according to claim 12 wherein the passage is a doorway.
29. (New) The device according to claim 13 wherein the distinguishing means is raised from the adjacent surface.
30. (New) The device according to claim 13 wherein the distinguishing means is indented into the adjacent surface.
31. (New) The device according to claim 13 wherein the distinguishing means is a hole in the adjacent surface.
32. (New) The device according to claim 16 wherein the passage is a doorway.
33. (New) The device according to claim 18 wherein the passage is a doorway.